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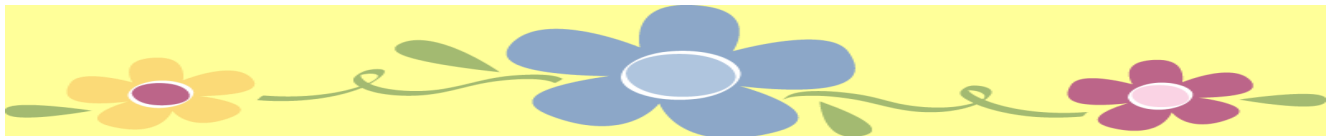
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Resolutions for the Month of July

- #35-08** **Accepts and approves the retention of McGladrey & Pullen as outside auditor for the Tribe for the fiscal year 2008, 2009, and 2010 audits, and delegates to and authorizes Patty Perry, Chief Financial Officer, to finalize and execute the arrangement letters with McGladrey & Pullen.**
- #36-08** **Clarification of the 401 K Plan.**
- #37-08** **Appoints Robert J. Carroll as Chairman of the Chitimacha Gaming Commission for a continued term of three years.**

Resolutions for the Month of July continued...

- #38-08** Authorizes Peggy Gaddy, Chief Administrative Officer, to negotiate and sign any and all documents pertaining to the Self-Governance Multi-Year Funding Agreement for FY 2009-2011 and submit same to the Indian Health Service for the provision of health services.
- #39-08** Accepts the bid submitted from Glenn Lege Construction, Inc. of Youngsville; the construction company submitting the lowest bid, which includes the base bid and two alternate bids related to the reconstruction of sections of Chitimacha Loop Road, Choctaw Street, Cherokee Street, Jena Drive and Seminole Drive, and designates Brian Headley, Development Director, as the Project Coordinator and authorizes Peggy Gaddy, Chief Administrative Officer, to sign any and all future documentation related to this project.
- #40-08** Authorizes the Tribal Chairman, Lonnie L. Martin, and the Secretary-Treasurer, Tasia Burgess, to sign all checks drawn on all tribal accounts, effective August 1, 2008, and authorizes the Vice Chairman, Tricia Mora, as an alternate signature for checks drawn on the Program, Payroll and Health Plan Funds in the absence of the Chairman or Secretary-Treasurer, and authorizes the use of the mechanical device signatures and signature stamps as signatures and endorsements on the accounts.
- #41-08** Authorizes certain staff and/or Council Members to have individual access to the Safe Deposit Box on behalf of the Tribe, effective August 1, 2008.



CHITIMACHA TRIBAL POLICE NEWS



AUGUST 2008

For the month of July 2008 the following traffic citations were issued---one for speeding, three for driving with a suspended drivers license, and two for driving without a drivers license. Nineteen verbal warnings were also given for various traffic violations.

The following arrests were logged for the month of July 2008:

07-02-08	One male subject arrested for disturbing the peace and criminal trespassing.
07-04-08	One male subject arrested for simple battery.
07-06-08	One male subject arrested on 16 th Judicial Court warrants for simple battery and issuing worthless checks.
07-12-08	One male subject arrested for simple assault and disorderly conduct.
07-12-08	One male subject arrested for disorderly conduct.
07-13-08	One male subject arrested for disturbing the peace by fighting.
07-13-08	One male subject arrested for disturbing the peace by fighting, possession of schedule IV narcotics (Xanax), and obstruction of justice.
07-14-08	Two male subjects arrested for prohibited acts—false representation of cocaine.
07-14-08	One male subject arrested on tribal warrants for aggravated assault and attempted kidnapping.
07-15-08	One male subject arrested for remaining where forbidden, resisting an officer, and prohibited acts—false representation of a controlled dangerous substance.
07-22-08	One male subject and one female subject arrested for disturbing the peace by fighting.
07-23-08	One male subject arrested for driving under suspension and contributing to the delinquency of juveniles.
07-25-08	One male subject arrested for driving under suspension and speeding.
07-27-08	One male subject arrested for simple battery, resisting an officer with force and disturbing the peace intoxicated.
07-28-08	One male subject arrested for stalking and attempted criminal damage to property.

NEW COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

We welcome Ebony Wise to the police department as our newest communications officer. Ebony has five years of law enforcement and emergency dispatching experience and started her employment with us on July 30, 2008. We welcome her to the Chitimacha Police Department Team!

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

Congratulations to Officer Amy Theriot who was nominated for employee of the year for second quarter, April to June 2008. Amy received the most gold stars for that quarter. Good Job!

GUN LOCKS

The Chitimacha Police Department now has gun locks available free to any gun owner living on the reservation. These gun locks were provided to the police department through the Project Child Safe Program. The mission of this program is to try and eliminate child injuries and deaths from the handling of a parent's gun. If you would like to get one or more gun locks, please contact Officer Amy Theriot at (337) 923-4964 and she will be glad to assist you.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

The Chitimacha Police Department hosted its first annual National Night Out Against Crime event on August 05, 2008. The event was held at the Chitimacha Fire Department and it was the 25th anniversary of the program, which is held nation wide. The event was started in order to have residents in communities come out with their local law enforcement to take a stand against crime and also to form relationships with law enforcement personnel and discuss crime prevention. Our first Night Out event was a huge success, having over 100 people in attendance. We hope next year's event is even bigger.

The Chitimacha Police Department thanks everyone who attended this event, sponsors that donated items, and individuals who spoke at the event and took the time to participate in any way. To everyone who assisted, please know that all your help is very much appreciated, as it takes community involvement to make events such as this a success. We are looking forward to next year's program! Below are a few random photos of the event.



CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL

Eagle Pride...Eagle Spirit!

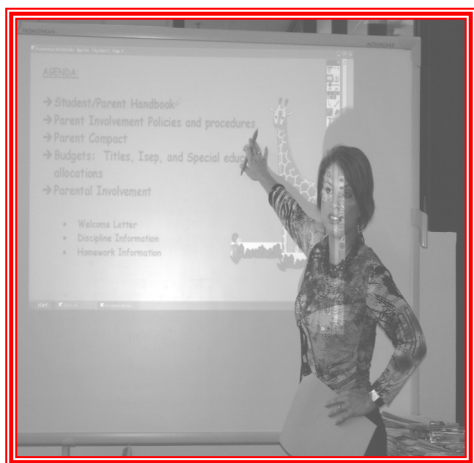


2008-2009 CTS School Year

Summer is not quite over but **SCHOOL** is NOW in session!

The entire CTS staff would like to welcome back our students, parents, and community members to a brand new, wonderful school year! Just as in the past, CTS has big plans and has been very busy preparing our school for lots of learning to take place. One of those preparations is this year's school theme, **"CTS is WILD about Learning"**.

This year's school theme can be easily identified as you walk throughout the school building. Tigers, monkeys, parrots, snakes, and many more animals are used as decorations to get our students excited about their studies. This theme will be incorporated into many of the school activities including teacher's lessons, 9-week pep-rallies, and other school programs. Along with our theme teachers worked hard this summer creating, reviewing, and revising their grade level and subject area curriculum maps. Another area of preparation that is always on-going is teacher planning. Teachers plan to incorporate not only the theme, but their ActiveStudio software, Thinking Map program, and many other educational tools for maximum student learning to take place.



Even our administrator, Mrs. Tanya, got in on the excitement! During the staff two-day professional development on August 7th and 8th, Mrs. Tanya demonstrated her skills using the ActiveStudio software while discussing important beginning of the year information. Staff members reviewed updates concerning the school policy and procedures, school programs, budgets, parental involvement, student/parent handbooks, CSRP plan, PIAP plan, CIMP plan, school improvement team, special education procedures, safe and drug free curriculum/ accountability, duty schedules, discipline policy/ procedure, along with student rosters and lots of beginning of the school year paper work.

Staff members also attended presentations from Human Resources and Human Services. Staff members are required to have 10 hours of safe and drug free continued education each school year. (As a reminder, students are required to have 40 hours each year.) Mrs. Bethany Darby, Human Resources, presented changes to the employee policy handbook and Ms. Karen Matthews, Human Services, gave vital information of services and techniques for the upcoming school year. As you might imagine, this is no picnic for our staff but they eagerly take full advantage of all necessary information. Thank you to the Human Resources and Human Services department for their time and energy, and patience's!

A new member to the CTS team...



A warm and humble welcome goes out to Mrs. Allison Burgess.

Allison will be teaching our 3rd grade students for the 2008-2009 school year and she has expressed much excitement and enthusiasm for her new teaching assignment while getting her classroom prepared for the 1st day of school. Allison recently married tribal member Bruce Burgess, on March 15th, 2008, and they reside in Raintree Village in Baldwin. Looking at Allison's career in education, she majored in elementary education and graduated from LSU. She is certified in grades 1st – 8th and has 5 years of experience teaching. Allison has taught 7th and 8th grade science/English, 5th grade science/ English and 4th grade science, math, and reading.



We also have new and exciting changes in our School Board! Another warm and humble CTS welcome to new School Board member, O'Neil Darden! We know, as in the past, our School Board tirelessly works hard to make sure that the needs of students, parents, community, and staff are met with honesty, fairness, and full support. In addition to a new member, congratulations goes out to our new School Board President, Mrs. Bethany Darby, Vice-President, Nicole Hebert, and Secretary-treasurer, Jill Louviere. Also congratulations to Mrs. Bethany Darby, and Mrs. Nicole Hebert for their victories as returning School Board members. We look forward to a very productive school year!

Special Note(s):

A very special heart filled congratulations to Mrs. Phyllis Darden for being nominated for "Employee of the Year" award. Mrs. Phyllis has filled the precious minds of her students for 37 years. She has not only inspired her students but she has given them lasting memories that will be in their hearts and thoughts for a lifetime.

To Mrs. Phyllis...You have the admiration and full support of the CTS staff behind you for your courageous dedication and undying love for your students.

Good Luck!

CTS would also like to thank all of those involved in the major construction work that was completed at school. We love our school and we want to always have a facility that we are proud of.

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

I would like to welcome everyone back to school. It was an exceptionally smooth start and this is a good indication to a great and successful completion.

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL

Open House Agenda

Thursday, September 25, 2008

WELCOME

PLEDGE

LED BY CTS STUDENTS

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF

No Child Left Behind Act:

Title Funding Requirements, Title I, II, IID,

Title VII after school tutoring/homework center (25 to 30 students participate)

Titles-----PIAP-----CIMP

Title IV Safe and Drug Free Schools Programs (40 hrs.)/Character Counts

Education - Molly Chiasson & Mary Bailey

OIEP Goals, Teacher & Paraprofessional Certification –Student/Parent School Handbook

Grade Level Expectations-State of Louisiana

Department of Education--Accreditation

Special Education Services – Lee Ann LeBlanc

*iLEAP-3rd, 5th, 6th, & 7th and LEAP 4th and 8th (April 2,3,6, &7)- Lee Ann LeBlanc
testing coordinator/transition*

Dibels Testing (K-8th) K-3rd all tested---4th-8th tested as needed- Lee Ann LeBlanc

Parent Involvement – Debbie Halphen

Boy Scouts of America- Craig Overland

School Performance Rating/AYP School Status

Kevin Derise – Accountability Manager- St. Mary Parish School Board-Standardized Testing

University of Louisiana – Talent Search- Janice Nix-Victorian

Thinking Maps-Teachers

Culture Department – Kim Walden

Social Services – Karen Matthews: Speaker presentation

School Library-Accelerated Reading/Power Up Reading Update—Denise Hodge

Fall and Spring Parent Night Dinner Workshops

*CSRP-Consolidated School Reform Plan- welcome to make suggestions to/serve on new 5
year plan. The notice about the CSRP is posted in the Chitimacha*

Newsletter and the Student Parent Handbook

Meet the teacher(s) and visit the classrooms!!

*Computer Lab will open to view *Remember to visit the Cultural Room in the
portable classroom outside the building. *Special Education Room-Lee Ann
LeBlanc is available for any questions concerning Special Education Services
(room next to the library).*

Please Enjoy the Refreshments in the Common Area

*Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to join us for this Open House event.
Please remember to sign in and complete short evaluation so that your child will
receive his/her free homework pass.*






















You can turn in the evaluation at the table at the entrance of the school.

We appreciate it!

Staff and Students of Chitimacha Tribal School

Chitimacha Tribal School

September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY- NO SCHOOL	2 Star of Week From 8th 	3 Wear your favorite t-shirt for 3 Eagle Bucks 	4	5 Student Early Release at 1:00- Professional Development	6
7 <i>Grandparents' Day</i> 	8 Star of Week From Kindergarten 	9  Benedicto Paulino-BD Bishop Boutte-BD Gabe Parro-BD	10  4-H Meeting at 2:00 Open House at 6 p.m.	11  Landon Pontiff-BD Always Remember 9-11	12  MaKenzie Broussard-BD End of 1st Mid Nine-Week Period Grandparents' Gathering & Yearbook Signing at 2:30	13
14	15  Star of Week From 1st Grade Teachers: Please post grades by 10 a.m.	16  Progress Reports Sent Home	17	18	19  \$\$\$ Eagle Buck School Store \$\$\$	20  Nathaniel Menard-BD
21	22 Mrs. Pam Tate-BD Mrs. Sheila Gaddy-BD Star of Week From 2nd ISEP COUNT WEEK...ATTENDANCE IS VERY IMPORTANT!!!!	23  Jude Boudreaux's B-day	24  Star Lunch at 11:00	25  Trent Darden-BD Mrs. Carla Newman-BD	26 A-B Conduct Free Dress 8th Grade Ring Ceremony At 2:30	27
28  Mrs. Debbie Halphen-BD	29 NATIVE AMERICAN HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL 	30  Star of Week From 3rd Daniel Sisk-BD 	Oct. 1 Mrs. Tammy LaGarde-BD 	Oct. 2	Oct. 3	Oct. 4 Ms. Molly Chiasson-BD 

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL
DAILY MENU SCHEDULE
SEPTEMBER, 2008

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
September 1, 2008 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY	September 2, 2008 Breakfast Biscuits, Sausage, Jelly, Juice, Milk Lunch Red Beans/Sausage, Rice, Broccoli/cheese, Baby Carrots/Ranch, Fruit, Cornbread, Milk	September 3, 2008 Breakfast Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Grits, Juice, Milk Lunch Baked Chicken, Green Beans, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Salad/dressing, Fruit, Roll, Milk	September 4, 2008 Breakfast Ham & Cheese Omelet, Toast, Jelly, Juice, Milk Lunch Beef-a-Roni, Corn, Salad/dressing, Fruit, Garlic Bread, Milk	September 5, 2008 Breakfast Donuts, Oatmeal, Juice, Milk Lunch Hamburgers, Fries, Sandwich Fixings, Fruit, Cookies, Ketchup, Mayo, Mustard, Milk
September 8, 2008 Breakfast Biscuits, Sausage, Jelly, Juice, Milk Lunch Soft Beef Tacos, Cheese cup, Corn, Salad/dressing, Fruit, Sweet Roll, Taco Sauce, Milk	September 9, 2008 Breakfast Blueberry Muffin, Sausage, Juice, Milk Lunch Turkey Roast, Rice, Gravy, Black-Eye Peas, Salad/dressing, Fruit, Roll, Milk	September 10, 2008 Breakfast Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Jelly, Juice, Milk Lunch Sausage Spaghetti, Green Beans, Salad/dressing, Fruit, Jell-O, Garlic Bread, Milk	September 11, 2008 Breakfast Breakfast Pizza, Grits, Juice, Milk Lunch Meatloaf w/ gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Sweet Peas, Fruit, Roll, Milk	September 12, 2008 Breakfast Cereal, Bananas, Toast, Juice, Milk Lunch Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese, Pork-n-Beans, Fruit, Salad/dressing, Rolls, Bar-B-Q Sauce, Fruit, Milk
September 15, 2008 Breakfast Pancakes, Sausage, Syrup, Juice, Milk Lunch White Beans/Sausage, Rice, Beets, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Fruit, Cornbread, Milk	September 16, 2008 Breakfast Biscuits, Sausage, Jelly, Juice, Milk Lunch Chili Fritos, Tots, Cheese, Corn, Fruit, Cookies, Ketchup, Milk	September 17, 2008 Breakfast Ham & Cheese Omelet, Toast, Jelly, Juice, Milk Lunch Grilled Chicken Breast or Chicken Tenders, Baked Potato, Salad/dressing, Fruit, Roll, Butter, Milk	September 18, 2008 Breakfast French Toast, Oatmeal, Juice, Milk Lunch Sloppy Joe, Tots, Salad/dressing, Fruit, Cake, Milk	September 19, 2008 Breakfast Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Grits, Juice, Milk Lunch Pizza, Corn Cobbett, Salad/dressing, Fruit, Apple Crisp, Milk
September 22, 2008 Breakfast Biscuits, Sausage, Jelly, Juice, Milk Lunch Spaghetti w/ Meat sauce, Green Beans, Salad/dressing, Fruit, Garlic Bread, Milk	September 23, 2008 Breakfast Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Jelly, Juice, Milk Lunch Hamburger Steak, Creamed Potatoes, Peas, Salad/dressing, Fruit, Rolls, Milk	September 24, 2008 Breakfast Breakfast Pizza, Grits, Juice, Milk Lunch Beefy Nachos, Cheese, Corn, Salad/dressing, Fruit, Apple Bites, Milk	September 25, 2008 Breakfast Pancakes, Sausage, Syrup, Juice, Milk Lunch Bar-B-Q Chicken, Rice Dressing, Fruit, Potato Salad, Pork-n-Beans, Garlic Bread, Milk	September 26, 2008 Breakfast Cereal, Bananas, Toast, Jelly, Juice, Milk Lunch Hotdog w/ Chili, Tots, Salad/dressing, Fresh Fruit, Cake, Milk
September 29, 2008 NATIVE AMERICAN HOLIDAY	September 30, 2008 Breakfast Biscuits, Sausage, Jelly, Juice, Milk Lunch Spicy Chicken Sandwich, Fries, Sandwich Fixings, Fruit, Cookies, Ketchup, Milk	MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO DELIVERIES.	All Breakfast Sausage is Turkey/Pork for Less Fat, Higher Protein. All Fries & Tots are Baked not Fried.	All Juices are 100% Juice. 0% Fat, Whole & Low Fat Milk, Low Fat Chocolate Milk also Offered. Pizza has Wheat Crust.

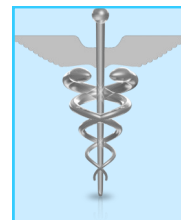
September 1st – *Labor Day Holiday* - No School
 September 5th 1:00 early release. Teachers Professional Development
 September 10th - OPEN HOUSE - 6:00p.m.
 September 12th Grandparents Day, 2:30 in Gym.
 September 22nd thru September 26th ISEP count week.
 September 26th - 8th Grade Ring Ceremony.
 September 29th Native American Holiday - No School

Health Department News

Wishing you Good Health!

Madeline Phelps

August 2008



Registration Update:

Please help us keep up-to-date records and inform Brittany of any changes in insurance, address, or telephone number. Call Brittany @ 923-9955.

Clinic: Hours of Operation:

Monday-Thursday 7:30a.m.-5:00p.m.

Friday 7:30a.m.-11:30a.m.

Physician Hours/Patient Care Appointments:

Physician schedule *changes* as follows:

Monday & Tuesday from 9:00a.m.-12:00, & 1:00 p.m.-5:00p.m.

Wednesdays & Thursdays 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

Fridays 9:00a.m.-11:30a.m.

Update Eligibility:

Periodically you may be contacted by Brittany to update eligibility information. Please respond to these requests to provide information/documentation as needed to assure our records are accurate.

Pharmacy:

Please call in prescription "refill" requests on Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday (if you plan to pick up your medications the same day that you call in), Christie, as our lead pharmacist is available more hours to assist you with new prescriptions/refill needs.

Usually on Mondays & Thursdays there is only time for pharmacist to fill "new" prescriptions.

Please call for refills 4-5 days in advance. **When calling in prescription please leave the prescription number, name of medication & your telephone number on the phone message.**

Reminder: Check your prescription bottle when calling for refills; if **no** refills are left, contact your doctor's office to request a new prescription.

Dental Clinic:

Since the Dental Clinic is only open one day per week it is extremely important to notify Brittany if you are unable to keep an appointment. If we are notified in advance we are able to schedule another patient.

Weekly Screening:

Every Wednesday morning the Community Health Nurse (CHN) and CHR's hold a clinic @ Rivercane starting @ 7:30a.m. Stop by to have your blood pressure/blood sugar taken! Lori, Norma & Elaine look forward to seeing you there!

Diabetes Lunch/Nutrition/Diabetes Education:

A Diabetes Luncheon Activity was held Wednesday, August 20, 2008 at Rivercane @ 11:00 am prepared by the CHN, Dietician/CDE, & CHR's. Group presentations were provided by Dietician/CDE with a focus on Nutrition & Diabetic Related Topics/Diabetic Support. We welcomed Tribal Members and spouses! To contact **Judith Dupuis, Dietician, Certified Diabetes Educator**: Please call Judith @ 923-9955, Ext. 3011 to schedule appointment.

CHS (Contract Health Service) - Services obtained off-site-referral required. A "purchase order" form must be obtained from the Health Department (I.H.S./CHS) office for each & every visit to a healthcare provider prior to visit. Individuals with private insurance or Medicare must obtain purchase order if you are requesting that I.H.S./CHS pay the balance. Emergency Services: you have seventy-two (72) hours to notify the health department in the case of emergency visit. Report to Millie @ 337-923-9955, Ext. 3004.

CHS Eligible:

1. *Registering @ hospital/other medical facility*
2. *Bills/Statements*

Some providers may bill you directly, such as anesthesia, radiology or other healthcare facility.

- If you receive bills/statements please bring to Millie or Pam (CHS Department) at the Clinic & a copy will be made for our records.
- Please use contact information on bill to call provider to assure they have all of your information correct to forward billing to appropriate insurance, Medicaid, Medicare or the I.H.S./CHS Department. Some providers may not forward bill to CHS staff or forward when requested *unless* you (patient) has provided the information to them when registering for service. If you are eligible for CHS please assure that the provider is aware that they need to bill Chitimacha Health Services @ P.O. Box 640, Charenton, LA 70523.
- It is patient responsibility to assure that providers know where to forward billing/insurance claim forms.
- Bring personal insurance explanations & Medicare explanation of benefits to the CHS Office.
- For *Medicaid* eligible patient's provider should only bill to Medicaid.
- Should you have any questions you may contact Millie @ 923-9955, press **4** during regular business hours.

"Alternate Resource": Health Care Resources other than those of the Indian Health Service.

Example: Medicare, Medicaid, or Private Insurance.

Should a client meet the eligibility guidelines to qualify for an alternate resource, clients will be required to apply for that resource if available and accessible. Failure to apply when contacted by clinic staff may result in denial of services.

Contact Ann Olds (Medicaid Enrollment Representative): 337-923-9955, Ext. 3002 for more information. Ann is available to assist you in completion of the Medicaid application process.

- Once Medicaid is approved, the Medicaid office will re-certify your case periodically.
- It is client responsibility to respond to requests made by the Medicaid Office.

Report/provide the following to Ann:

- Report any changes in Medicaid status to Ann.
- Bring documentation of denial or changes in Medicaid status.

HOUSING NEWS

By: Marilyn Burgess



WELCOME!

I would like to welcome Lori D. Cole, as the new Housing Commissioner. Lori was appointed by the Tribal Council at its July meeting. I know Lori will be an asset to our Board and I am looking forward to working with her.

THANKS!

I would like to say "THANK YOU" to Howard Mora, Jr., for the hard work and dedication that he gave to the Housing Authority, as a Board Commissioner. Howard recently resigned his position and will be greatly missed by all of us.

REMINDER!

Due to the recent house fires on the Reservation and since we are in the middle of hurricane season, I would like to remind everyone the importance of having structure and content coverage for your homes. A fire and hurricane could be very costly and having coverage can help ease the pain of your losses.

Another reminder is to make sure that your homes are equipped with working smoke detectors.

AMERIND RISK MANAGEMENT

Anyone interested in purchasing home and/or content coverage through Amerind Risk Management should come by the Housing Office for an application. This coverage is only available to Tribal Members on the Reservation and within the service area (St. Mary Parish) at this time but may extend to other areas in the future.

HOUSING RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the owners of the 2 additional manufactured homes. The following Tribal Members were awarded the homes: Bridget Toups and Courtney Malagarie.

We would also like to congratulate Chelsey Cook and Kacey Burgess, the recipients of the two homes recently awarded to them by the Housing Authority. The Housing Authority wishes you well and hopes that you enjoy your new homes.

SECTION 184

I would like to remind everyone that the Section 184 Program is still available to Tribal Members for financing of new construction, renovations or purchasing of manufactured homes. Applications are available at the Housing Office.

HUD VISIT

Michelle Tinnin, from the Oklahoma City HUD Office, is scheduled to visit us on September 22, 2008 through September 26, 2008. She will be assisting us with documents that are needed to remain in compliance with federal regulations and to help with the planning of future developments.

ANNUAL HOUSING INSPECTIONS

I will be sending letters out soon to our participants to schedule the annual housing inspections. This is a HUD requirement and we hope that everyone cooperates with the scheduling. We are planning to take photos that will be placed in each participant's file for future reference. The annual inspections will take about 15 minutes for each house and are planning to complete **all** inspections within a 2-week period. As soon as you receive your letter, please call the office so that we can schedule a time for your inspection.

RECERTIFICATIONS

In order to remain in compliance with federal regulations, we must also complete annual recertification's. These recertification's reflect any changes in annual income and family composition. We will bring the documentation when we perform our inspections. Please be prepared to show any changes that have occurred in the past year.

CERTIFICATION

Rodney Burgess and I recently attended a Pathways Home Train the Trainer Certification Course in Las Vegas, NV. This training was a 1-week course with a test that was given on the last day. Upon successfully passing the test, participants will be nationally certified as a Homebuyer Counselor. I am still awaiting test results but hope to have good news soon. If everything works out, I am looking forward to helping Tribal Members resolve credit issues that may be preventing them from obtaining a home loan.

HOUSING MEETINGS

Our housing meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month. If anyone is interested in attending, please feel free to do so. Remember if you would like to be placed on the agenda, please call me on the Monday before each meeting.

Anyone needing information about housing issues, please feel free to come by the office or call me at (337) 923-9125.

Recreation News

Pool: The pool is open Tuesday-Thursday, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM, 1:00-7 PM, Friday 8:00-11:30 AM, 1:00-7:00 PM, Saturday and Sunday 1:00-7:00 PM for family swimming. As a reminder, the pool is closed every Monday for cleaning and maintenance. We're planning a "Last Splash" for the end of September.

Summer Camp was a huge success. Campers swam, enjoyed trips to Lake Fausse Point and Lake End Park, were entertained by Dr. Greg and Dr. Thomas Falterman with guitar music and singing, participated in a Karate Class with Mr. Murphy Armelin, skated, bowled, took a nature ride on the levee with Big Al, learned about dog training with Keith Richard, and participated in Life Preserver and Bicycle Safety Classes, in which they received helmets, knee and elbow pads, and a life preserver. They also enjoyed arts and crafts activities and a couple trips to the movies. The camp ended with a giant water slide for all campers to enjoy. Thanks to the cooks at Rivercane and Yaamahana and to our dedicated teachers, Carla Newman, Jill Gianfala, Brandi Mensman, and Angelle Vice. Also thanks to our summer youth workers for helping to make the camp a huge success. A few camp pictures are shown below and on the next page.





Recreation News Continued...

Soccer: Registration was held for ages 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, and 11-13, on August 18 – 21. Tryouts/team selections were held for all ages on Tuesday, August 26, 2008, at the Sports Complex. Games began September 8, and will be played on Mondays, Wednesdays, and one Thursday for three weeks. If anyone is interested in coaching a team, please call 923-4975.

Flag Football: Looking ahead, flag football will be held directly after soccer. Registration will be held the last week of soccer games.

Bicycle Safety Class will be repeated again in October for students attending the Chitimacha Tribal School. A class was taught by Amy Theriot of the Chitimacha Police Department while the Summer Camp was going on. Jeri St. Blanc also taught a class at Yaamahana for ages 2-5.

A **Life Preserver** class was also held in July during the Summer Camp and at Yaamahana, taught by Ross Mire, with the LA Wildlife and Fisheries.

CPR Class: Training was held August 19, at the Chitimacha Recreation Department for Yaamahana and Tribal School employees.

Be sure to glance at the marquis for the latest information in Recreation.



FEMA DISASTER ASSISTANCE

If you sustained losses or damage you may be eligible for disaster aid

**To register, call:
1-800-621-FEMA (3362)**

When you register for disaster assistance please have the following available:

- Social Security Number (including spouse's)
- Private insurance and bank information, if available
- Address and zip code of the damaged property
- Directions to the damaged home or property
- Telephone numbers where FEMA can reach you
- Current mailing address

TTY: 1-800-462-7585

Or register online: www.fema.gov

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status.

*If you or someone you know has been discriminated against,
call FEMA toll-free at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362).*

9/3/2008

News from Chitimacha Fire Protection

Rick Cook, Fire Chief



Training: This quarter a Flashover Class was conducted at our department by LSU Fire and Emergency Training Institute. This invaluable awareness training teaches firefighters how to recognize a potential flash over condition. These dangerous structure fire conditions can reach temperatures over 1200 degrees and without the proper interventions can inflict severe injuries and even death to a firefighter. Regarding ongoing training, Chitimacha Fire Protection personnel attended fire fighter training in Franklin. Recruits from area departments were also instructed at our department how to deploy a Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).

Activities: Recently, the Property Insurance Association of Louisiana (PIAL) conducted a district survey within our designated response area. The purpose of this survey is to determine fire insurance cost for both residential and commercial occupancies. This survey involves components, i.e.; available water supply, hydrant maintenance and flow fire capacities, fire apparatus and equipment carried on them, dispatching communications, fire prevention activities and occupancy fire pre-planning inspections. At present our district holds a very respectable class "3" fire rating. Fire rating classifications are rated from a class (1) through (10) with a class "1" being the best rating a fire department can receive. Once we receive the final results from PIAL we will forward this report to you in the next newsletter. Within the past few months, we provided assistance to emergency personnel from the Coushatta Tribe in the development of an Emergency Response Plan and an Automatic Aid Agreement.

Notices: For those who want to be part of a rewarding profession in serving your community applications for volunteer membership are available at the department. The Chitimacha Fire Protection Volunteer Incentive Program pays on an average of \$11.00 for each monthly meeting/drill attendance and for each emergency response. Additional incentive can be earned once a volunteer receives the needed training he/she can qualify as a substitute shift worker to fill in as needed when a full time employee is on leave. If you are interested in becoming a CFP Volunteer Division Member you may contact the fire department or Human Resources for more information.

In a past newsletter we reported that our department was awarded a grant in the amount of \$275,000.00 for a new attack pumper. This state of the art apparatus can be viewed at the fire department. There are several photos of the new unit on the next page if you are not available to stop by the department.

Prevention is our Intention!!!





EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR NOMINEES



Trudy Salisbury, Tribal Courts



Deborah Guardia, Fire Department



Amy Theriot, Police Department



Phyllis Darden, Tribal School





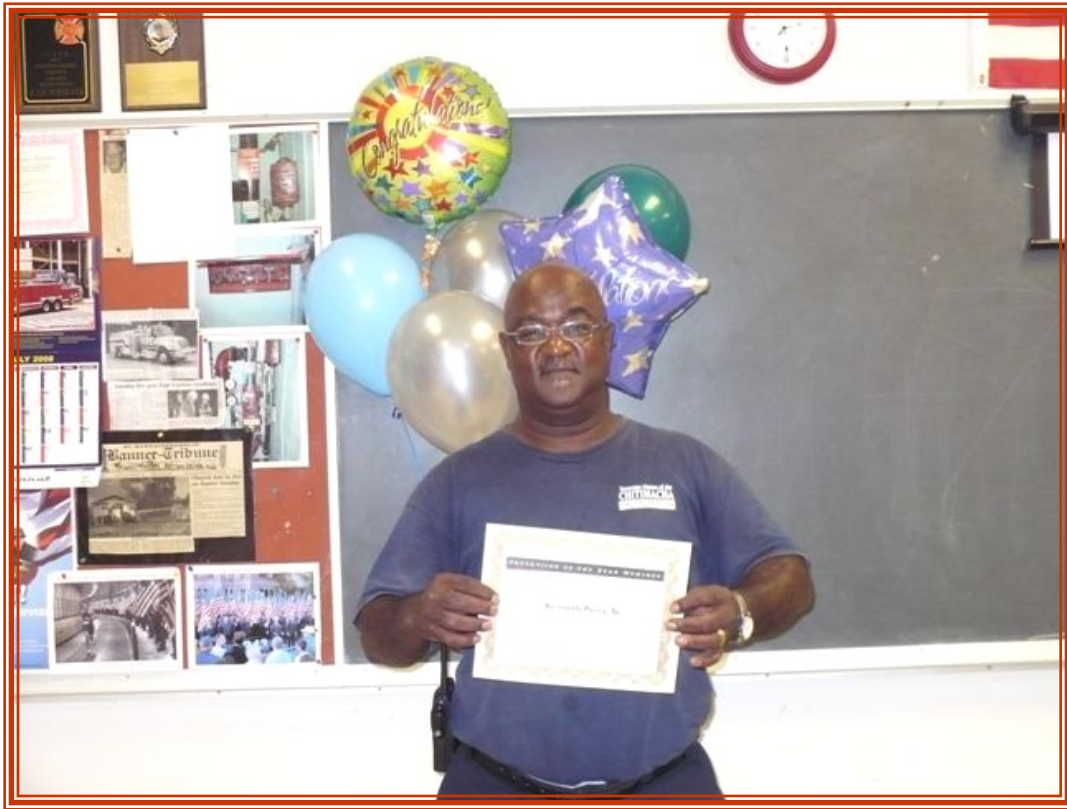
SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR NOMINEES



Rick Cook, Chitimacha Fire Protection



Greg Waguespack, Information Systems



Kenny Perry, Chitimacha Fire Protection



John Paul Darden, RiverCane



SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR NOMINEES Continued...



Roxanne Jolet, Chitimacha Gaming Commission



Patty LeBlanc, Planning Department

BLOOD DRIVE!



To Replace BLOOD for
Junius Thibodeaux, Jr.



DATE: October 5, 2008

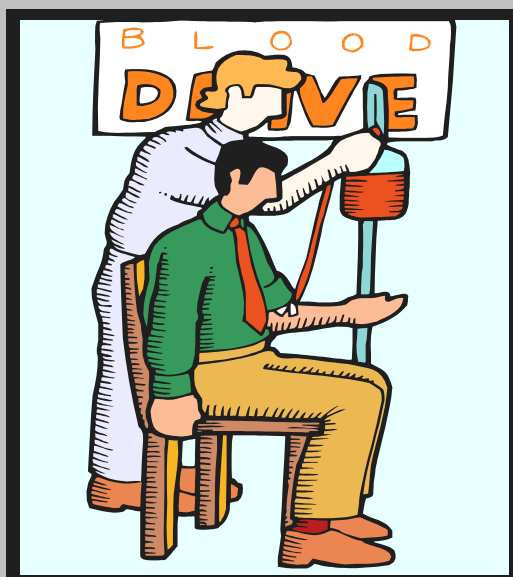
PLACE: Chitimacha Fire Department

TIME: 9am - 4 pm

All Donations are Greatly Appreciated!
Once We Replace the Blood Used, any Blood Donated
will Help with his Medical Bills.

Thank You in Advance for Your Support & Help.
Sara LaBiche, Communications Officer,
Chitimacha Tribal Police
(Junius is my Father)

DONATE & GIVE
THE GIFT OF LIFE



REFRESHMENTS
WILL BE SERVED



Greetings in the name of Jesus,

As fuel prices rise and the dollar shrinks, as wild fires rage and flood waters rise, as our food is being contaminated and strange flues and viruses plague our country; California has approved same sex marriage, our President is set headstrong to divide the land of Israel and Jerusalem, our churches are more concerned with everyone being comfortable and rich than making disciples, Don't you think it's time we returned to the basics?

God told Solomon in 1 Chronicles 28: 9, "As for you Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever."

He is telling us the same thing today. Just put your name in the place of Solomon, God is calling you. Heed the call, none of us is guaranteed another minute. Call upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, repent of your sin, ask for forgiveness; He will not only forgive you, He forgets your sin.

Psalm 34:10 tells us, "The young lions lack and suffer hunger; but those who seek the LORD shall not lack any good thing." Matthew 6:33 says, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." God never promised us riches here on earth, in fact He told us to expect trials and tribulations, but He did promise that He would fill our every need while we're here. He also told us to store our treasures in Heaven where rust and moth does not destroy.

A warning from God, "How long you simple ones, will you love simplicity? For scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge. Turn at my rebuke; surely I will pour out My Spirit on you; I will make My words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out My hand and no one regarded, Because you disdained all My counsel, and would have none of My rebuke, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes, when your terror comes like a storm, and your destruction comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call on Me, but I will not answer; they will seek Me diligently, but they will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, they would have none of My counsel and despised My every rebuke. Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, and be filled to the full with their own fancies. For the turning away of the simple will slay them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them; but whoever listens to Me will dwell safely, and will be secure, without fear of evil." (Proverbs 1:22-33).

As our country slips deeper and deeper into perversion and sin, come out from amongst them. Give your heart to the Lord. You can't change God, He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. It's us who needs to change, but only He can change us.

God Bless,
Orien Butaud
Pastor Chitimacha Outreach



Pictured above are members of the Chitimacha Outreach Fellowship Choir who traveled to Mustang, Oklahoma and participated in the 24th Annual Convocation for Native American Fellowships. Pictured L to R is Orien Butaud, Maryann Martin, Elaine Dwyer, and Blaise Smith.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

MAINTENANCE WORKER

SCOPE OF POSITION: Under the direct supervision of the Public Works Supervisor and general supervision of the Public Works Director, undertakes and performs a variety of building and/or grounds maintenance and repair functions.

DUTIES: Perform the maintenance and repair of tribal lift stations and sewer lines as directed. Maintain all grass and landscaped areas and empty and remove trash from receptacles located in designated areas. Perform routine maintenance and repairs on all tribal buildings as needed and, specific tasks requested through the Work Request system as delegated. Responsible for special projects as directed by the Public Works Supervisor, including but not limited to overall reservation maintenance, ditch cleaning, road maintenance, correcting public health and safety hazards and other field activities. Maintain direct daily communication with the Public Works Supervisor to ensure proper disposition of any problems that may arise and, observe and practice safe working procedures in performance of all duties. Perform other duties as assigned or required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: A high school diploma or GED **AND** one (1) year of general construction, maintenance, grounds keeping, repair, custodial or closely related experience.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: Subject to call out 24-hours a day, 7 days a week. May be exposed to dangerous machinery, extreme weather conditions, potential physical harm, hazardous chemicals and infectious diseases. May be required to lift and/or carry heavy, bulky supplies, materials and/or other items weighing up to 50 pounds.

PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO QUALIFIED NATIVE AMERICANS.

SUBJECT TO PRE-EMPLOYMENT AND RANDOM DRUG TESTING.

A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION WILL BE REQUIRED.

DUE TO INTERACTION WITH THE TRIBAL LIFT STATION AND SEWER LINES, THIS POSITION REQUIRES COMPLETION OF THE SERIES OF HEPATITIS B SHOTS.

To Apply: View our website www.chitimacha.gov, or visit the Human Resources Department at 105 Houma Drive, Charenton, LA.


Applications are accepted: Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Friday 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Deadline: October 02, 2008

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Huya to all of you who have volunteered to have your photo taken for the Rosetta Stone Project. We are still in need of many volunteers. People of **all ages** are needed. The new date for the photo sessions will be October 13-24th, 2008. Please consider posing for one of these simple scenes, such as "The woman is reading." or "The man is in the car." Please call the Cultural Department (923-9923) to sign up!




Good Luck Ben,
Chloe and Madi in
the new 2008-2009
School Year!!!

Love,
Your Families

Just a Note:

Car seat safety and proper installation courses are offered from trained personnel through the Yaamahana Center. Copies of seat installation instructions are available at Yaamahana. Contact Kathleen Flanagan @ (337)923-0100 for more information.



Call Kitty @ (337) 923-4973 to place an Ad or Email to:
kitty@chitimacha.gov



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